

BRECKENRIDGE NEWS.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1904.

IN THE WILD WEST.

A Breckinridge County Boy is Holding Down a Claim in the Cherokee Strip.

A Description of His New Surroundings Does Not Compare Favorably With Kentucky Homes.

BIG SNAKE STORY.

Another month has come and gone and finds me still enjoying life as usual, and holding down a claim at the head of Indian creek in the Cherokee strip. Three long and dreary weeks of this time I spent in the strip, and part of the time alone, no one in less than two or three miles of my camp; and nothing to be heard but the cry of the coyotes and loud shrill bark of the grey wolf. Nothing to be seen but the long, low, flat, and a few low hills, which were scattered over these beautiful lands, and a few small mounds which stood as witnesses to good intentions in taking these lands. Now and then I could see a coyote or a wolf sneak along some furtive canyon or through some prairie-dog town, for the purpose of devouring the citizens thereof. Off to the southward lay a wide, open, level, and I would look at the horizon of the great forests of Kentucky.

But while here in this lonely country I was interesting myself in various ways. Sometimes I would be enclosed in a little sledge to which I would be digging in a well or digging, or riding around over the land to get an idea of how it would look after it was surveyed, and studying if for that canyon, would be my claim or on some one else's.

Strange it is to see the people who were flocking in from various places to get homes in this new and useless country. Men are there with large families and nothing to go upon; the children are fed and almost starving. So when we see these people, who are trying so hard to get homes for their families and themselves, we learn to appreciate our own home, though it be a thousand miles away, as we never could, had we not been here.

Of course, home is a sacred place to anyone, but we can realize how it is at home in which we stand in this new country and see these families of suffering little ones. Some of whom are from our own state, and from nearly every state in the union, ranging from our own state to get a hundred and sixty acres and a little old home that they may call home.

It seems to give them more contentment than all else. So it is a good thing for us all to be ready to make our own home, when such an opportunity is afforded us, as we have here. If our friends from Kentucky could only take a little time, here, handling the wilderness prairie and realize the amount of farm products that could be produced on each year, it would astonish the best of them.

Most of the people are making small homes to prove up their land in, some are building small frame houses and others dugouts. Some are making their dugouts with fire-bricks at the rear end and set chimneys or flues. At one place in the eastern section of the strip, a young couple married and went to a claim which had been dug out and set a bank of rock; and in this night a host of snakes that had been forced out by the fire into the room, began to crawl and sprang upon the bed. The couple were bitten and both died. The neighbors reported that they killed nearly two snakes, all rattlesnakes and copperheads. The rattlesnakes are in every section of the country, but I have never opened a den of them yet.

Yours Fraternally,

R. G. HARRISON.

His Second Wife.

Told him the secret of her good health, she said, "I have been very good. A. R. Fisher, drugist."

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If the merchants of Cloverport would ship some of their Christmas novelties over this way they would find ready sale, but please whelper to them to send old Santa Claus over first with a pocketful of "rucks—O money I mean.

Nine Lilly Critchlow, who has been very low with typhoid fever for the past month, died Sunday morning the 11th. The family have been greatly afflicted indeed. Just one month and a few days before, they lost their little girl and now Lilly, almost 17 years old has followed her. The death of the little girl, one of their sons was at the time of the sister's death, but has about recovered. Mrs. Critchlow was attacked with illness just as her daughter died, but I am glad to report she is in a fair way to recover. The whole community sympathize with them in their affliction and hereabouts, but there is only one who can bring them comfort. May they all go to Him in their great distress.

Lunenburg, cured by two applications. Mr. H. C. Rigby, Baltimore, Md., special Agent of the Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York says: "I take pleasure in stating that two applications of Salvation Oil cured me of a severe attack of lunenburg."

DOGWOOD RUN.

A warm, dark Christmas, boys.

Mr. C. C. Cohn has a very sick boy with fever.

Dec. J. T. Atkins went to Tell City Tuesday.

Mr. Wesley Rowland is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Howls.

Send Hatfield took a load of tobacco to Henderson last Monday.

Joseph James still lingers. Marlow a big turkey for Christmas.

David Hatfield went to town to get his Christmas hat Friday.

Thomas Butler is hauling coal from Lumban's place to Patterson.

Joseph Hatfield says he will move as soon as the complete house is built.

Chancellor, old daughter of Mr. H. F. Stratton, in spite of ill with bilious fever.

Richard Hatfield went off twice and could not stay away from home and parents.

Dr. Trypnie, of Patterson, preached at the W. M. church Christmas day at 11 o'clock.

The seedlings had a new time Christmas night and got the cake and candy they needed.

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